

REMARKS

This Response is offered in reply to the office action of March 24, 2006. A petition and fee for a one (1) month time extension are enclosed.

Applicant appreciates allowance of claims 1-9, 24, 25, 28-34, 43, 44, 46, 48-51, and 53-57 and the indicated allowability of the subject matter of claims 13, 15, 17, and 19 as set forth on page 7 of the office action.

Claim 13 has been incorporated into claim 11, rendering pending amended claim 11 allowable.

Claims 11, 14 and 15 have been incorporated into new claim 58, rendering new claim 58 allowable.

Claims 11 and 17 have been incorporated into new claim 59, rendering new claim 59 allowable.

Claim 19 has been incorporated into claim 18, rendering pending amended claim 18 allowable.


Claims 11, 14, 18, 20, 35-42 and 52 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a).

Applicant has canceled claims 11, 14, 18, 35-42 and 52 without prejudice in order to advance prosecution of this application.

The pending claims are believed to be in allowable condition, and action to that end is requested.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge the fee for new claims 58 and 59 to my deposit account No. 20-1124.

Respectfully submitted,



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